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Inventor Appln. of: Suzuki, Shoji

Appln. No.: 09/804,812

Filed: March 13, 2001

For: INPUT CONTROL SYSTEM WITH THE
ABILITY OF SETTING ARBITRARY
SWITCH FUNCTIONS OF THE
SWITCH INPUT SECTION

Examiner: Eisen, Alexaner

Art Unit: 2629

Attorney Docket No: 9281-3923

Client No. J US00014

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Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Petition for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment (in duplicate) with attached Appendix A and B.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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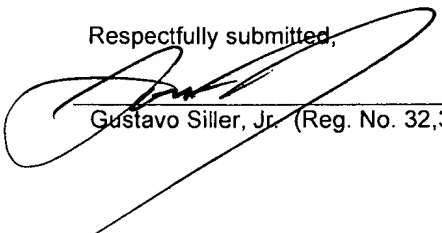
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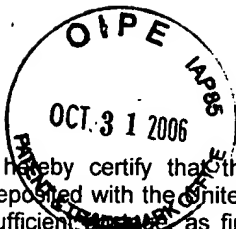
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$200.00 for the Petition fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,


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PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

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Dear Sir:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/804,812 has a patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. §154(b) of 178 days as indicated by the PAIR PTA adjustment history, herein attached as Appendix A. U.S. Patent Application 09/804,812 is not subject to a

terminal disclaimer. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.703(a)

Applicants agree with the PTO calculation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) of 156 days (14 months after the filing of the application on March 13, 2001 to the mailing of the first Office Action on October 16, 2002).

Applicants agree with the PTO total calculation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(2) of 147 days.

Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371.

The present application was filed on March 13, 2001. The 3 year date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is March 13, 2004. The issue date as indicated by the Issue Notification is September 12, 2006. The Issue Notification is attached as Appendix B. The difference between the 3 year date (March 13, 2004) and the issue date (September 12, 2006) is 913 days.

Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704

The total PTO calculation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704 is 125 days indicated by the PAIR PTA adjustment history.

Total patent term adjustment

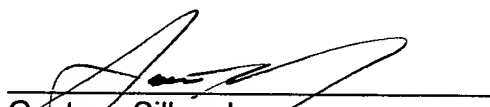
For the present application, the total patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by the reduction

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus $156 + 147 + 913 - 125 = \underline{1091}$ days.

For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of the patent term adjustment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.705(b). Should any additional fee be required, please charge the fee or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for this application. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned for Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX

A

Search results as of: 10-17-2006::14:54:53 E.T.

Patent Term Adjustment

Filing or 371(c) Date:	03-13-2001	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	303
Issue Date of Patent:	09-12-2006	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	125
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total Patent Term Adjustment (days):	178
USPTO Adjustment(days):	+0	Explanation Of Calculations	

Patent Term Adjustment History

Date	Contents Description	PTO(Days)	APPL(Days)
09-12-2006	Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation		
08-10-2006	Dispatch to FDC		
08-03-2006	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue		
07-31-2006	Issue Fee Payment Verified		
07-31-2006	Issue Fee Payment Received		
05-19-2006	Mail Notice of Allowance		
05-17-2006	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
05-17-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
03-30-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
03-28-2006	Supplemental Response		
03-30-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
03-28-2006	Response after Non-Final Action		
03-21-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
12-29-2005	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
12-27-2005	Non-Final Rejection		
10-22-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
10-22-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
10-13-2005	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		29
10-22-2005	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)		↑
10-13-2005	Request for Extension of Time - Granted		↑
10-13-2005	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin		↑
08-31-2005	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)		↑
08-30-2005	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)		↑
08-22-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		↑
08-17-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection		↑
06-14-2005	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		↑
06-12-2005	Final Rejection		
04-08-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
03-10-2005	Response after Non-Final Action		2
02-20-2005	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete		↑
03-13-2001	Reference capture on IDS		↑
11-12-2004	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter		↑

12-08-2004	Mail Non-Final Rejection	101	
12-04-2004	Non-Final Rejection	↑	
08-31-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
05-07-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
04-29-2004	Response after Non-Final Action	↑	
04-29-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW		
01-30-2004	Mail Non-Final Rejection	46	
01-26-2004	Non-Final Rejection	↑	
10-05-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
10-05-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
08-15-2003	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		94
10-05-2003	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)		↑
08-15-2003	Request for Extension of Time - Granted		↑
08-15-2003	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin		↑
06-18-2003	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)		↑
06-17-2003	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)		↑
05-13-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner		↑
05-06-2003	Amendment after Final Rejection		↑
02-13-2003	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		↑
02-10-2003	Final Rejection		
01-07-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-02-2003	Response after Non-Final Action		
10-16-2002	Mail Non-Final Rejection	156	
10-15-2002	Non-Final Rejection	↑	
09-10-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
03-13-2001	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑	
03-13-2001	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)	↑	
10-10-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
07-09-2001	Transfer Inquiry	↑	
04-27-2001	Application Dispatched from OIPE	↑	
04-26-2001	Correspondence Address Change	↑	
03-28-2001	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review	↑	
03-13-2001	Initial Exam Team nn	↑	

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APPENDIX B



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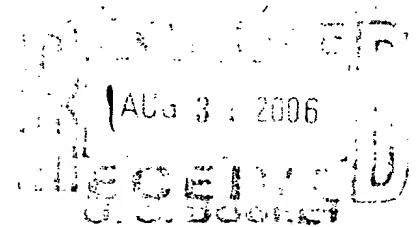
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ISSUE NOTIFICATION



The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 178 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571) 272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.

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